

Our Town

September/October 2015

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



Free outdoor concerts Sept. 27-28 promise to be a one-of-a-kind musical spectacle.

SQUONK OPERA

It's music. It's art. It's outrageous!

Squonk Opera will offer four performances of *Pneumatica* on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 28, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. All performances are free and will be held in the Renaissance Centre parking lot, 405 S. Brooks St.

Pneumatica is an event about air, made of air and powered by air. The Squonkers pump up the volume with live original music that permeates the air, while inflatables pump up and immerse the audience.

Figures and tentacles grow, powered by blowers and vortex fans, and culminate in the 40-foot high Lady Pneumatica who incorporates a wind turbine on her head. She blossoms with sails, breathing steam and raising her inflated arms to the

sky. Squonk's music incorporates the swoops and eddies of air with electronic bagpipes and a vertical accordion that is Lady Pneumatica's lungs, played like a piano while it rises and falls with her breath.

Playing with visual puns, air is used to activate costumes—Squonkers inflate like blowfish and musically activate headtubes with wild guitar and bass riffs. It's a celebration of the medium of sound: air.

Bring your family and friends, a lawn chair or blanket, and settle in for boisterous music, blowers, wind turbines, a 40-foot tall Lady Pneumatica statue and a one-of-a-kind spectacle themed around air.

To learn more about Squonk Opera, visit wakeforestnc.gov/squonk-opera.aspx.



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News highlights

Register for Youth Basketball in September »

Registration will be held Sept. 1-30 for the Wake Forest youth basketball league. Team practices begin in November and games are played from December through February. Registration is offered online at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com. The fee is \$40 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. For more information contact Meghan Hawkins at mhawkins@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9457.



Art After Hours honors local heroes on Friday, Sept. 11 »

On the anniversary of 9/11, downtown businesses will host a special Art After Hours by honoring local heroes and providing residents with an opportunity to give back. The evening, titled *A Night to Remember, A Chance to Serve*, will include live musical performances and a chance for residents to sign a giant greeting card that will be delivered to a local veterans hospital. Donations of canned food and supplies will be accepted for the local food bank and VA hospital.



Labor Day holiday schedule »

Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day. Garbage and recycling will be collected one day later than usual during that week and will extend into Saturday. The Wake Forest Loop and the Wake Forest-Raleigh Express buses do not operate on Labor Day. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/holiday-schedule.aspx for a complete listing of holidays and changes to the operating schedule.

Wake Forest celebrates Good Neighbor Day

Sunday, Sept. 20 ■ 1-4 p.m.
Holding Park

The Wake Forest Human Relations Council (HRC) will sponsor the 10th Annual Good Neighbor Day on Sunday, Sept. 20. This free, family-friendly event will be held from 1-4 p.m. at Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave.

Offering food, fun and family entertainment, Good Neighbor Day celebrates diversity and promotes goodwill among all of Wake Forest's citizens.

The "Good Neighbor of the Year Award" will be presented at the event. The award is Wake Forest's way of recognizing the residents who improve the quality of life in our community.

The rain date for Good Neighbor Day is Sunday, Sept. 27.

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighboraday.aspx.



Good Neighbor Day is held at Holding Park.

Town to publish free wall calendar

14-month event calendar will be available at Good Neighbor Day

Here's another great reason to attend Good Neighbor Day. The town's new 14-month wall calendar will be distributed free to residents at the event on Sunday, Sept. 20, at Holding Park. The calendar highlights town events scheduled from November 2015 through December 2016. It also includes registration dates for athletic leagues, town holidays and dates for other activities held throughout the year.

After Good Neighbor Day, free calendars can be picked up at town hall, Flaherty Park Community Center, Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts, the Northern Wake Senior Center and the Alston-Massenburg Center.



Concerts in the Park returns on Sept. 6 to coincide with Wake Forest Unplugged.

Dual events at Joyner Park help residents get UNPLUGGED

On Sunday, Sept. 6, Wake Forest residents will have not one but two events to enjoy at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Centered around music and good old fashioned recreation, both events offer residents a chance to unplug from devices and take in the outdoors.

Wake Forest Unplugged
Sunday, Sept. 6 ■ 4-6 p.m.

Join other Wake Foresters for free games and activities on the lawn at the park. The activities are organized and sponsored by the Wake Forest Recreation Advisory Board as a way of encouraging residents to disconnect from digital devices. Stay awhile and enjoy the live music which begins at 5 p.m.

Concerts in the Park
Sunday, Sept. 6 ■ 5-7 p.m.

Presented by PineCone and Wake Forest ARTS, Lakota John and Kin will perform a blend of ancient Native American harmonies and

traditional blues. Lakota John is joined by Mama Tonya, Papa John and Sister Layla. A proud Lumbee and Oglala Nation family of talented musicians, Lakota John and Kin are based out of Robeson County, North Carolina. At just 16-years-old, Lakota John is a master guitarist with a voice that sounds

beyond his years. He grew up listening to his dad's music collection and picked up the harmonica at the age of seven and the guitar at the age of nine. A year later, he bought himself a glass slide and picked up the slide guitar. At 14, he released his solo album *Old Bluez, That's Newz to Me*.

For complete information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/concerts-in-the-park.aspx. Rain location: Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts.

Children's activities are offered during Wake Forest Unplugged. Bottom: Lakota John and Kin will perform in the amphitheater at 5 p.m.



GREENHOOD & DUFFY

Parks department offers new baton corps

Students in grades K-8 can learn the sport of baton twirling

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department (PRCR) is inviting area young people to participate in the Wake Forestettes, a new community-based baton corps.

The Wake Forestettes Baton Corps promotes the enjoyment of the art-sport of baton twirling, while also encouraging physical fitness, poise, goal-setting and

self-confidence. Designed for students in grades K-8, the corps will perform at various community events.

The cost is \$55 per month and practices are held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. Register online at wakeforest.recdesk.com.

For more information, contact Recreation Program Superintendent Monica Lileton at mlileton@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9563.

Glad You Asked

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q&A

Q: I noticed a purple triangle-shaped box hanging from a tree near Wake Forest High School. Why is this box in the tree and what is it for?

A: The purple triangle-shaped box you saw hanging from an ash tree near Wake Forest High School is an emerald ash borer trap. The trap is covered in sticky material which will lure and trap any emerald ash borer adults as they emerge and disperse throughout the summer months.

Each year, the USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service conducts an EAB detection trapping program in cooperation with state and local agencies. The traps are used to detect new infestations and monitor the natural spread of the beetle. The traps are checked periodically by pest specialists with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

If you see other traps around town, please do not disturb them or attempt to collect any insects from the trap. Samples should only be collected by trained personnel.



Enhancing a safe community

Wake Forest Police Department continues to add services aimed at improving the community's sense of safety

Drug Drop Off Box

Citizens are encouraged to drop off unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications in the new drop-off box at the Brooks Street Substation, 221 S. Brooks St. The substation is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Items that are accepted include prescription pills or patches, ointments, vitamins and over-the-counter medications. Items not accepted include liquids of any kind, aerosol cans, inhalers, needles and thermometers.

Excess prescription medications in the home are at risk for being diverted and abused. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overdose from prescription pain killers has surpassed motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of accidental deaths.

Operation Safe Sale

Residents who are selling or purchasing items advertised online may come to the police department, 225 S. Taylor St., to complete their transaction. Transactions may be

made in the parking lot or inside the lobby, either with or without an officer present.



At the request of either party, an officer will be available to check the serial number to determine whether the item has been entered through state or national databases as stolen property.

Anyone wishing to have an officer present will be required to schedule an appointment by calling 919-554-6150.

Child Safety Seat Installation

Keeping children safe is an important priority for the police department. Parents may request an appointment to have a nationally certified technician show them the right way to buckle-up children on every ride. Contact Sgt. R. Brown at 919-435-9619 or rbrown@wakeforestnc.gov.



Residents reminded not to transport firewood

Firewood may carry emerald ash borers, a destructive pest that has been confirmed in North Carolina

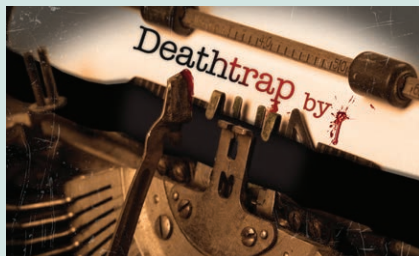
The N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services announced this summer that Wake and Franklin counties have been added to the list of counties under an emerald ash borer (EAB) quarantine after ash borers were confirmed in both counties. Quarantine rules restrict the movement of hardwood firewood, ash nursery stock and other ash materials.

Forestry experts remind citizens that it is best to buy firewood locally and use it within a 10-mile radius of where it was purchased.

The emerald ash borer is responsible for the death of millions of ash trees across the country. First detected in Michigan, the pest has spread to North Carolina.

Homeowners that need help determining whether a tree on their property is an ash may visit emeraldashborer.info.

September-October events at the RENAISSANCE CENTRE



Deathtrap presented by Forest Moon Theater

Sept. 18-20 & 24-26

A successful writer of Broadway thrillers whose recent plays have flopped will stop at nothing—including murder—to improve his fortune. An abundance of twists, surprises and laughter await you in this classic thriller. Rated PG-13 due to mature content and language. *Advance tickets:* \$15 adult, \$13 student/senior; *Day of:* \$18 adult, \$16 student/senior; *plus tax.*

Squonk Opera

Sept. 27-28

Free outdoor event about air and music.
See page 1 for details.

Defamation

Tuesday, Oct. 13 ■ 7 p.m.

Defamation is a play that explores the highly charged issues of race, religion, gender, class and the law with a twist: the audience is the jury. Through deliberations and post-show discussions, audiences engage in civil discourse that challenges pre-conceived notions. \$15 adult, \$12 student/senior.

Neck of the Woods

Friday, Oct. 16 ■ 7:30 p.m.

Variety performance series that features emerging local artists. The evening may consist of several performance arts acts such as acting, dancing, music, comedy or spoken word. Cash bar for wine, beer and other refreshments. \$5.

Princess & Pirate Tea

Saturday, Oct. 24 ■ 3 p.m.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Join Mayor Vivian Jones for an enchanted afternoon of tea,

confections and theatre. Rags to Riches Theatre for Young Audiences will present Juan Bobo, a folklore tale from Puerto Rico that is rich in tradition. Come dressed in your best royal attire, be it princess or pirate. Arrrh! Suggested for ages 3-10. *Advance tickets:* \$12 adult, \$8 child; *Day of:* \$15 adult, \$10 child.



MONTHLY EVENTS

Writer's Night in the Forest. Thursday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. (James Maxey, Piedmont Laureate, *Bad Wizard*). Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. (Drew Bridges, *The Second-Greatest Baseball Game Ever Played: A Memoir*). Free.

First Friday Flix. Friday, Sept. 4 and Friday, Oct. 2; 7 p.m. Monthly movie showings feature a variety of film favorites. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free. Concessions for sale.

Flix4Kids. Monday, Sept. 14 and Monday, Oct. 12; 10:30 a.m. Movie showing geared for ages 3-10. All shows are rated G or PG. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free. Concessions for sale.

Free at Three. Monday, Sept. 14 and Monday, Oct. 12; 3 p.m. Movie showing geared for the over fifty crowd. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free.

Carolina Puppet Theater.

Wednesday, Sept. 9 and Sept. 23; 11 a.m. *The Three Bears*. Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Oct. 21; 11 a.m. *Having Fun and Being Safe at Halloween*. Geared for ages 3-7. New shows each month. \$5 *plus tax*. Children under 3 are admitted free.



Special Needs Movie Night. Friday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. This movie night allows children with special needs to enjoy a film in a safe and accepting environment. The event area will have added lighting and the movie's volume will be lower. Free.

Raleigh Little Theatre to offer classes at the Renaissance Centre

The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts is partnering with the Raleigh Little Theatre to offer a variety of youth and adult theater arts classes from September through December.

Each class will be taught by an accomplished theater instructor in a safe, nurturing environment that encourages exploration of process and self-expression.

"We are extremely excited to bring our award-winning theatre program to the Renaissance Centre and share the joy and value of theatre with young people and adults in Wake Forest," said Linda O'Day-Young, Raleigh Little Theatre's Youth Theatre and Education Director.

As part of its Youth Education Program, Raleigh Little Theatre (RLT) will offer sessions for Creative Drama (ages 6-7), Play On! (ages 8-9) and Acting Out (ages 10-12). These classes will be offered on Saturdays and are limited to 18 students.

Raleigh Little Theatre will also present two adult acting classes designed to take students through the process of preparing for the stage.

For a complete listing of classes, go to wakeforestrecen.org. Online registration is accepted at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com. Walk-in registrations are accepted at the Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St., Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m., and also at town hall Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the Renaissance Centre at 919-435-9458.

Rent a town facility for your next special event

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department is now accepting 2016 rental reservations for selected town facilities. To view rates and floorplans, visit wakeforestnc.gov/parks-recreation-cultural-resources.aspx and click on Facility Rentals in the sidebar.

Facilities available for rent include the Flaherty Park Community Center, the Alston-Massenburg Center, the Wake Forest Community House and the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts. Space can also be rented at E. Carroll Joyner Park, Flaherty Park and Holding Park. For information call 919-435-9560.



September 26 & 27

9:00am - 4:00pm

Near The Factory (Grandmark St. & Rogers Rd.)

Extravaganza



Adopt. Donate. Educate.

raise money, awareness & food donations
for all of the participating rescues

Admission is FREE. We hope you will join us for this exciting event! Please bring a bag of dog or cat food to help our rescue organizations. *Our goal this year is to raise over 5,000 lbs!*

- Carolina DockDogs Competitions
- Raleigh K-9 Unit
- Learn About the Benefits of Service Dogs
- Microchip & Rabies Clinic
- Games • Contests • Music
- Doggie Kissing Booth
- Food Trucks • Pet Vendors & more

Enter to win a free weekend vacation with your family & pet, free pet grooming, autographed books, gift baskets & more!

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North Wake Animal Hospital • Steam Pro



dirtydogsspa.com/extravaganza2015

919-453-0765

Loose leaf collection begins in October

The town's loose leaf collection service will begin the first week of October and continues through mid-March. During this period, vacuum trucks pick up loose leaf piles weekly at every Wake Forest residence.

When preparing leaves for collection, residents are urged to place leaves behind the curb, not in the street or gutter, so they do not interfere with traffic or drainage. Do not mix sticks, rocks, pine cones, limbs or other debris with loose leaves. Our vacuum equipment is only designed to pick up loose leaves, so your cooperation will help prevent equipment damage and mechanical breakdowns. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/leaf-collection.aspx for more details or call the public works department at 919-435-9570.



Apply now to serve on town's advisory boards

Make a difference in our community by applying for one of the upcoming vacancies on the town's advisory boards.

Seats are available to serve on any of these boards: Cemetery, Cultural Resources, Design Review, Greenways, Historic Preservation, Human Relations, Planning, Public Art, Recreation, Senior Center, Technology, Urban Forestry Board and the Board of Adjustment.

Only citizens that reside in the town's corporate limits (extraterritorial jurisdiction) are eligible for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment openings.

Applications are available at wakeforestnc.gov/advisory-boards.aspx and at the Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. Completed applications must be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 15.

For more information regarding the advisory boards and for questions regarding eligibility, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at 919-435-9410 or dharris@wakeforestnc.gov.



Wake Forest's greenways connect the community and provide views into the natural world.

TRAIL CLEAN-UP

Help beautify Wake Forest's greenways on day of service

National Public Lands Day
Saturday, Sept. 26 ■ 9-11 a.m.

In support of National Public Lands Day, the Town of Wake Forest will host a day of service Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Residents of all ages are invited to volunteer for one of four community service opportunities at greenways throughout town. Choose from the following locations:

■ **Wake Forest Reservoir:** trail clean-up and wildflower education

■ **Sanford Creek Greenway at Heritage South:** trail clean-up and stream clean-up

■ **Richland Creek Greenway at Olde Mill Stream:** trail clean-up and tree planting

■ **Heritage High School Soft Trail:** trail clean-up, invasive plant removal and soft trail construction

Volunteers are asked to sign up online by visiting wakeforestnc.gov/national-public-lands-day.aspx. All activities are led by the Wake Forest Greenways Advisory Board.

Please plan to wear closed-toe shoes and long pants on the day of service. A long sleeved shirt and hat is also recommended to protect against sun and insects.

For more information, contact Deanna Welker, Greenways Advisory Board Chair, at dwelker@nccoastalpines.org or 919-426-5026.

Other opportunities to help maintain Wake Forest's natural assets



Adopt a Trail

Adopt a specific length of trail, keeping it clear of weeds and debris for one year. Volunteers can also participate in enhancement projects designed to improve the aesthetics or functionality of the town's greenways. wakeforestnc.gov/adopt-a-trail.aspx



Adopt a Stream

Monitor town streams and determine the stream's health. Projects include water quality monitoring once a month, annual stream clean up, macro invertebrate counts twice a year, buffer restoration and stream enhancement. wakeforestnc.gov/adopt-a-stream-1.aspx



Become a Tree Steward

Participants receive free training and must pledge at least four hours of service within a year of their training. The next training workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24. Pre-registration is required. wakeforestnc.gov/tree-steward-program.aspx

Construction continues on bridge project



The N.C. Department of Transportation is progressing through the second of four bridge replacement projects in Wake Forest.

Detailed information about each project, including fact sheets and detour maps, can be found at wakeforestnc.gov/operation-bridge-exchange.aspx.

OPERATION BRIDGE EXCHANGE UPDATES

Forestville Road

Forestville Road remains closed in the vicinity of the project just south of Heritage High School. A marked detour directs drivers through South Main Street in Rolesville. Construction is expected to be completed in December.

Once replaced, the new bridge will improve capacity and safety and relieve the bottlenecks that occur in the area during morning and afternoon rush hours. Improvements will include a sidewalk on the Heritage High School side as well as a pedestrian underpass

to accommodate users wishing to access the Smith Creek and Sanford Creek Greenways.

West Oak Avenue

The closure of West Oak Avenue for the replacement of the bridge near the Harris Road intersection is expected to begin Oct. 2 and end in May 2016. A detour will direct traffic to use Harris Road and North Main Street during the duration of this project.


The new three-lane bridge on West Oak Avenue will include a sidewalk and a 10-foot-wide multi-use path. A pedestrian underpass will provide a link for a future greenway connecting Joyner Park to the Olde Mill Stream section of the Richland Creek Greenway.

Rogers Road

The Rogers Road bridge replacement and road widening project is expected to begin in late March/early April 2016 and end in August 2016. NCDOT will replace the existing two-lane bridge with a five-lane bridge and widen the portion of Rogers Road from Hope Lutheran Church to Forestville Road.

Add your cell phone to the town's emergency phone database

The Town of Wake Forest has transitioned to the Blackboard Connect town-to-resident phone notification service. With this service, town leaders can send voice and text messages to residents with information about time-sensitive issues.

The Blackboard Connect database contains information received from public databases, including regional phonebooks. However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. The phone icon  on the home page of the town's website, wakeforestnc.gov, provides a link to the Blackboard Connect enrollment page where you can register, add phone numbers and update your messaging preferences.



Now you can immediately report non-emergency problems to the Town of Wake Forest from your smartphone, tablet, or computer, using SeeClickFix.

Report issues such as:

damaged sidewalk • streetlight out • park issues pothole • graffiti • malfunctioning traffic signals

Service requests are routed directly to the attention of the appropriate town staff for responsible handling.

- To report an issue through the website, go to wakeforestnc.gov/report-a-problem.aspx
- To report an issue using the Town of Wake Forest app, click on the SeeClickFix tab



Local Farmers Live Music Kids Activities

Saturdays 8 to Noon

405 S. Brooks St, Wake Forest

www.wakeforestmarket.org

Our Market Our Community

Seasonal Produce, Pasture Raised Meat, Poultry & Eggs
Fresh NC Seafood, Honey & Bee Products, Fresh Cut Flowers
Nursery, Bedding & Vegetable Plants, Jam & Jellies,
Artisan Breads & Baked Goods, Gluten Free Baked Goods
Locally Roasted Coffee, Handmade Soaps & Lotions,
Pottery, Nifty Knitted Items, Crafts, Dog Treats, & Much More

Please no pets (NC State Law prohibits pets at Farmers Markets)

Election Day is Nov. 3

Wake Forest elections will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Five candidates are running for three open seats on the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners. The candidates are Chad C. Casale, Brian R. Clemson, Commissioner Greg Harrington, Brian Pate and Commissioner Anne Reeve.

Voter registration forms are available at the Wake County Board of Elections website wakegov.com/elections and at Wake Forest Town Hall. The deadline to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 9. Early voting begins Oct. 22. For more information, visit wakegov.com/elections or call the board of elections office at 919-856-6240.



Register now for fall and winter recreational programs. View the program guide at wakeforestnc.gov/reconnect.aspx.

Fall Foliage Tours offered in October

Wednesday, Oct. 28 ■ 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
E. Carroll Joyner Park

Residents are invited to enjoy the vibrant colors of autumn while also learning about native trees during two fall foliage tours Oct. 28 at E. Carroll Joyner Park.

Urban Forestry Coordinator Jennifer Rall will offer the free, one-hour tour at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Each tour will involve walking along one mile of paved greenway.

Parents and children of all ages are welcome and no registration is required. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to meet at the information kiosk located adjacent to the Joyner Park parking lot.

For more information, call 919-435-9560.



YOUR GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardofcommissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.



WFTV 10 can be found at digital channel 97.5. Watch it live online at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx.

STAYING INFORMED

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Sign up for the town's free email subscription service at wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.



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Halloween Spooktacular TRICKS & TREATS

Thursday, Oct. 22 ■ 4:30-8:30 p.m.
Flaherty Park Community Center

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department will sponsor its annual Halloween Spooktacular on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. Admission to the event is free.

This year's festivities will include a costume contest, face painting, a haunted maze and cupcake walk, along with a variety of other ghostly games and activities. Free pumpkins will be given away while supplies last.

Costumes are optional, but best costumes will be featured on the town's website.



Ghostly games (and treats!) will be offered.

Trick-or-treating is always on Oct. 31

In Wake Forest trick-or-treating always occurs on Oct. 31 regardless of the day of the week Halloween falls on—this year it's on a Saturday. The Wake Forest Police Department encourages trick-or-treating between 6-8 p.m. and reminds parents to make sure their little ghosts and goblins observe all safety precautions.

For a list of Halloween safety tips, visit wakeforestnc.gov/halloween-safety.aspx.

